united Departmental Selection in the Mechanical Engineering Deprrfment of. Northern Railway

2120. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: /ill the Minister of TRANSPORT be leased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Limited >epartmental Selection was held in the lechanical Engineering Department of Jorthern Railway in 1985-86 to fill up ame vacancies in Group 'B'

(b) if so, whether the eligibility con-itions for candidates originally prescribed ere changed lated and if so, the reasons lerefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the list f eligible candidates identified after p[r]o-•aeied examination of about nine months hanged again by deleting and adding cer-iin names and if so, the reasons therefor; nd

(d) whether it is a fact that some of le eligible candidates from workshop nd Divisions could not be spared to take lie written examination and, if $_s$o, what are ie facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE)EPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

'(b) Selection against 75 per cent va-ancies and Limited Departmental Com-ietitive Examination against the remaining 15 per cent vacancies constitute the two egments of the process of filling vacan-ies in Group 'B' posts in the Mechanical Engineering Department. For the LDCE imposed, the date for determining the li'sibility of employees was initially fixed in 15-1-85. Later, the date was revised to 1-2.84 in order to accord with the date hat was fixed for determining the eligi-jjlity employees for the corresponding .election agiaast 75 per cent vacancies.

(c) With reference to the revised date nf eligibility, namely 1-2-84, the number of employees called for the LDCE includ-sd 17 employees who were not eligMe. Also <ome employees who were working outside the Northern Railway and some ithers who had applied but were not inadvertently called, were required to be called . Therefore, the list of employees notified as eligible had to be revised in November, 85.

(d) A representation has been received from som$_e$ employees of not having received the notice of the Limited Department Competitive Examination. Depending on th$_e$ results of the consideration of the re-presentation, it is proposed to take action.

Conversion of Veraval-Rajkot lines

2121. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the conversion of Veraval-Rajkot meter gauge railway into Broad gauge railway; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether recently a delegation met him and submitted a memorandum to this effect, if so, what are the details of the memorandum and action contemplate^ by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A delegation had recently met and submitted a Memorandum requesting conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG section into BG. Approval of a survey for the suggested conversion is under consideration.

Violation of Foreign Exchange Regula-tions Act by travel agency

2122. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manag ing Director of the Jet Air, a travel agency of Bombay, was arrested for viola^ tion of Foreign Exchange Regulations Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the legal advisers of Air India/Indian Airlines is also a director of the Jet Air; and